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"That leap of heart whereby a people rise
Up to a noble anger's height,
And, flamed on by the Fates, not shrink, but grow
more bright,
That swift validity in noble veins,
Of choosing danger and disdaining shame,
Of being set on flame
By the pure fire that flies all contact base,
But wraps its chosen with angelic might,
These are imperishable gains."

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THE NEW PROFESSOR OF MISSIONS AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION

If there is one subject more than another in which a merely academic interest on the part of the teacher is intolerable, it is the subject of missions. One feels that he who is called to so great a task as that of informing the mind of a preparing ministry on this high theme should have for his motto the words, "Woe is me if I teach not missions." In the coming of Professor Oscar M. Buck to fill the Chair of Missions and Comparative Religion, the Seminary, has secured a man for whom missions is not an objective and academic interest but a veritable passion.

To a pre-eminent degree, Professor Buck's career has fitted him for his work. He is a son of Dr. Philo M. Buck, whose name, both in this country and in India, is as ointment poured forth. Few missionaries have such a record of achievement as that which stands to the credit of this veteran alumnus of the Seminary. Professor Buck was himself born at Cawnpore, India, and spent his early life in that land of mystery and promise. Coming to America to continue his education, he graduated at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1905, and in the fall of the same year entered Drew. He graduated here in 1908, and after a year of post-graduate studies he returned to India. He became Professor of the Bible at the Theological Seminary at Bareilly, and in addition to this he found time to write for religious periodicals, to minister to an English-speaking congregation, and to serve as chaplain to the Wesleyan and Baptist soldiers of a British regiment. After three or four years in India, ill-health in the family compelled him to request an emergency furlough. It soon became evident that a return to India would be impossible, and after a period in the pastorate

in Illinois Professor Buck was appointed in 1915 to the Chair of Missions in Ohio Wesleyan University. Here for four years and a half he worked with increasing success, until he made his department one of the strong departments of the institution. He brings to Drew, therefore, the benefit of a wide experience.

Professor Buck comes to the Seminary at a most opportune time. The missionary enthusiasm of the student body is at a high pitch. The large delegation which attended the recent Students' Convention at Des Moines is proof of that. There is every reason for believing that the Seminary is on the eve of a remarkable development of its activities, particularly as these relate to missions. Professor Buck's announcement of his courses for the coming semester is evidence that the enthusiasm will not only be maintained but will also be well-informed, and that the enlarging missionary activities will be dominated by a sincere purpose to promote the Kingdom of God.

A course of two hours a week will be offered to each class. The Junior Course will be "A General Introduction to the Study of Christian Missions." This course will constitute a general survey of the problems and methods of the missionary enterprise. The aims and motives of Missions, the various types of missionary work, the development and administration of the native church, the relation between the missions and the native church, the problem of co-operation, the relation between missions and governments, the relation of the native church to the nationalist movements, and the cultivation of the home base are some of the subjects to be considered. In general, this course constitutes a presentation of the science of missions. Tuesdays and Thursday, 11:00.

The Middlers will take up "A Survey of the Modern Missionary Enterprise." This course will trace the historical development of the modern missionary enterprise from the Church of the Middle Ages to the present day. The various continents and countries will then be passed in review and the results, the problems, and the peculiar opportunities of the Christian missionary enterprise in each of these will be studied. The course will close with a summing up of the world situation as it affects Christian missions and a survey of the new missionary program of the Christian churches. Wednesdays, 3:00, Fridays 9:00.

The Seniors will study "The Non-Christian Religions in the 20th Century." This course will take up the various non-Christian religions of the present day with a view to getting a general idea of their beliefs and practices. The present political, social, economic and religious movements in these lands will also be surveyed and the relation of each non-Christian religion to these modern movements, their reactions and their fitness to serve as the religious foundations of the new order, will be successively studied. Tuesdays and Thursday, 9:00.

ARMISTICE DAY

Drew Theological Seminary now has a chapter of the American Legion on the campus—the William B. Cornish Post, No. 183, Department of New Jersey, so-called in honor of William B. Cornish, Class of '16, a Chaplain in the Army, who was the first Drew man to lose his life in this war. Thirty-four members of the Student Body and three members of the Faculty now claim membership in the Post; and there are some five or six more men, among the students, who belong to the American Legion, but who are affiliated with other Posts. Four members of the Post have been decorated by foreign governments and one, an aviator, wears the coveted D. S. C. Several served as chaplains in the War, but many more belonged to other branches of the Service—aviation, naval aviation, infantry, artillery, navy, and ambulance service; others, who are associate members of the Post, served with the Y. M. C. A. both in this country and across seas.

A memorial service was held in the Chapel on the afternoon of Armistice Day in honor of the three Drew men who died in the War—William B. Cornish, First Lieutenant and Chaplain, Class of '16; Charles B. Roach, Camp Pastor, Class of '12; and Frank F. Witcamp, First Lieutenant and Chaplain, Class of '16. The Rev. William B. West, D.D., of the Ocean Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, New York, formerly with the Y. M. C. A. overseas, delivered the address. At the close of the service a large and beautiful silk flag was presented to the Seminary by the Post; for use in Chapel. The presentation address was made by First Lieut. Justin P. Follette, Air Service, who is Commander of the Post. His ringing words, with his pledge of loyalty to every high and

holy ideal of national and personal life in the name of all the American Legion men at Drew, will not be soon forgotten by those who heard him. In a few well-chosen and fitting words President Ezra S. Tipple, who served with the American Y. M. C. A. in France, and who is one of the associate members of the William B. Cornish Post, accepted the flag on behalf of the Seminary and spoke of the higher loyalty which today will lead the true soldier to live and work for his country and her ideals as in the past it lead him, if need be, to die for her.

In the evening the Post gave a reception to the Faculty and to the Student Body and friends of the Seminary. Plenty of music, fun and "eats" made the occasion most enjoyable. The Post has expressed its purpose of doing each year some one thing for the Seminary which will contribute to the life and the efficiency of the School. Drew is proud of her Post of the Legion and every gift from them she will value as a precious thing; but more precious by far than any gift will she value the spirit of those who, having returned from the hazardous adventure of war, now are giving themselves with as full and glad abandon to the work of Christ as formerly they gave themselves when they marched against the foe.

WAR SERVICE TABLET

Our desire is so keen to include, without fail, every name entitled to have place on the permanent war tablet to be placed in the Seminary that we again urge not only everyone interested, who has not sent in full information, to do so immediately, but also ask that those knowing any unusual facts or items or names likely to be overlooked, will take pains to forward same to the office of the President immediately as the order for the tablet must be placed within the next month, if it is to be completed in time for Commencement, April 24-27.

DEPARTMENT OF THE RURAL CHURCH

E. E. BEAUCHAMP, A.B., B.D.

This Department, in process of organization, in co-operation with the Rural Department of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, is designed to offer special inspiration and training for a Ministry to Rural Fields, and to prove a depository for suggestions and information of assistance to all interested Rural Leaders. For the present year two regular courses are offered.

COURSE I. Lecture and Text-books; One hour each Semester.

The work in the first Semester emphasizes the need and the opportunity before the Rural Church to put into Rural Community Life the wholesome influence of Christian ideals and Christian principles; an obligation is also enforced, that of the Rural Ministry to seek and devise ways and means of bringing the organized conscience and talents of the Church into sympathetic co-operation with various noble and valid movements looking toward social justice and culture in Rural America.

The theme of the Semester's Study is "The Rural Church Must Serve the Community."

In the Second Semester the studies will be in Rural Church Methods examined and criticised in their relation to the subject of Rural Sociology. An "Introduction to Rural Sociology" for the Christian Minister will permit discussion of the theme: "The Rural Church Must Translate the Christian Gospel in Terms of Individual and Community Regeneration in Order to Develop a Social Life of Co-operative Righteousness."

COURSE II. Class Work and Practical Assignments; Two hours each Semester through the year.

This course is open to men in Charges, preferably Rural, in order that facts discovered and methods devised may be tested in immediate relation to their proposed Rural Church activities. Co-operation is offered with these Student Pastors in the work in their Churches, and the individual experiences are tabulated and shared with

the members of the Class. It is expected that from this Laboratory Course will be available a fund of information valuable to Rural Pastors generally.

With this fund in mind, as rapidly as opportunity offers, the Department will co-operate with any Rural Minister in an endeavor to make the service as helpful as possible wherever desired.

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Owing to additions to the Faculty and the rearrangement of some of the courses, which differ from the schedule in the Catalogue of 1918-1919, Professor Hannan is this year giving the following courses in the Department of Biblical Theology and Homiletics:

COURSE I

A. Two hours a week through the first semester. Text-book: A. B. Davidson, *Theology of the Old Testament*, supplemented by lectures and papers.

B. Two hours a week through the second semester. Text-book: B. G. Stevens, *Theology of the New Testament*, supplemented by lectures and papers.

This course, open to Middlers, is elective. Four semester hours credit.

COURSE II

Two hours a week through the Senior year. This is a lecture course on the *Fundamental Themes of the Bible*. This course is open to Seniors. Four semester hours credit. Elective.

Course II furnishes a wide field of homiletical and expository material and makes the main themes of the Bible available for pulpit use.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMILETICS

In this department Professor Hannan offers three courses.

COURSE I

Two hours a week through the Junior year. Text-book: Broadus, *Preparation and Delivery of Sermons*. The text-book is supplemented by lectures, discussions and homiletical

exercises in the class. This course is required. Four semester hours credit.

COURSE II

Two hours through the middle year. This is a lecture course on *Types of Preaching*, with practical exercises in text analysis, sermon outlines and class preaching. Special attention is given to Doctrinal and Evangelistic Preaching and to Pastoral Evangelism. Elective. Four semester hours credit.

COURSE III

One hour through the Senior year. This course is a practical application of the principles laid down in Courses I and II. Each senior is to preach before the class in Chapel and to prepare one written sermon. This course is required, and is open to Seniors. In all three courses extensive collateral reading is required. For Course III two hours credit for the year is given.

The Seminary Prayer Meeting for the whole student body is in charge of Professor Hannan. The meeting is held every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 7:45.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

Among the courses offered in this department the First Semester are two by Reverend J. R. Denyes, B.A., B.D., D.D., a missionary from Malaysia, as follows:

MOHAMMEDANISM—Open to Juniors; two hours a week. This Course aims to give an outline of the historical development of Islam, an interpretation of the man, Mohammed, and a survey of the methods and results of Moslem propaganda among the pagan races of Malaysia.

THE MISSIONARY IN ACTION—Open to Middlers and Seniors; two hours a week. This Course is designed to serve as an introduction to the study of missions. It answers the question: What does a missionary do, How does he do it, And why? It covers such topics as: The Missionary and Evangelism, The Missionary and Education, The Missionary and Medical Work, the Missionary and Social Reform, etc.

During the Second Semester Dr. Denyes will offer the following courses:

MISSIONS AND EASTERN ASIA—This course aims to give the historical, social, political, and religious background of the present conditions in Eastern Asia, and to show the opportunities and responsibilities of the Christian Church in the different countries.

One hour a week. Tuesday 1:00 P. M. Open to Juniors.

A PAGAN'S RELIGION—This course will deal with the what and the why of the religious beliefs of the primitive peoples of the Malay Archipelago, and show their relation to similar beliefs in other lands. The comparative methods and results of Mohammedan and Christian propaganda will be discussed.

One hour a week. Monday 3:00 P. M. Open to Middlers.

PROFESSOR SWEET ON THE HISTORY OF METHODISM IN THE WEST

Few more interesting series of lectures have been given here than the five on the early history of our Church in the Mississippi Valley, especially in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, by Professor William W. Sweet, B.D., '06, Ph.D., of the chair of History at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind. Starting from the causes which helped or hindered settlements west of the Alleghany and Appalachian mountains, he sketched the rise of settlements along the rivers, the coming of the circuit rider, and the religious, social, moral, and reform influence of Methodism in the early years of the nineteenth century. It was an illuminating portrayal, and if the lectures are published they will offer a rich treat to the reader, perhaps not surpassed by any of Professor Sweet's books. These books include *The Methodist Episcopal Church in the Civil War*, *Circuit Rider Days in Indiana*, *History of North Indiana Conference* (with Dr. Herrick), *History of Latin-America*, to be followed by *Rise of Methodism in the West*. Dr. Sweet is an instance of a man who has devoted himself to a subject until he has become

a master of it, and thus illustrates the demand there always is for men who are authorities in their several fields.

Speaking of Professor Sweet's lectures, it is almost forgotten now that Peter Cartwright's *Autobiography* was published in a French translation as a fascinating romance, as indeed it is, the most racy book of self-portrayal of a life ever written. No book in Everyman's Library is more worthy of its place there than would be Cartwright's *Autobiography*. It is the classic of a departed epoch, the day-book of a Happy Warrior, the "precious life-blood" of the dauntless hero of a hundred battles "embalmed for a life beyond life"—yes, a book alive in every line, beside which Augustine's *Confessions*, Cellini's *Autobiography*, and Boswell's *Johnson* are cold, tame and sterile. Like Mark Twain's early Western books, it is the product of a mighty historic movement, though on its religious side, a side which is both the most interesting and the most worthy of record. So long as Finley's *Autobiography* and especially Cartwright's are read, the bold spirits who saved American civilization in that critical and vanished time will not be forgotten. And there were others.

J. A. F.

DOCTOR McCOMBS ON LATIN-AMERICA

The lectures by Doctor Vernon Monroe McCombs are among the richest gifts brought to the Seminary this Semester. His visit was like a refreshing western breeze. With the passion of a pioneer he plead for the less-frequented paths of Christianity—the frontier; South America; Mexico; and for the one million, five hundred thousand Latin-Americans in America, seven hundred and fifty thousand of whom have been here since the days when New Mexico and Texas became a part of the United States, yet who have not become familiar with our ideals and language, and the seven hundred and fifty thousand Mexican refugees who have recently crowded over the Border. The Mexicans call Doctor McCombs "El Lincoln de los Mexicanos." They come from all parts of the Southwest and wait their turn for hours to talk a few moments with him. A host of these lives have been transformed from "Greasers" into upright and devoted Christians. Mexican Methodist churches are now dotted all over the Southern California Conference;

the Spanish-American Institute for the training of Mexican boys into Christian leaders has been founded at Gardena, California, and a large institutional plant in Los Angeles is ministering to hundreds daily.

Dr. McCombs is one of Drew's star sons, Class of 1906. To see and hear this wonderful man is like having Asbury or some other Methodist hero step out of the pages of our text books and become flesh and blood before our eyes. He is a man of prayer. When he was a Drew student he fasted and prayed every Thursday. To this day the busy office of his headquarters is interrupted many times for prayer. Prayer is the first thing, next thing, last thing in the glorious work which he has founded.

Such men as Doctor McCombs make a student feel unworthy to walk the winding forest paths of Drew, which are holy to us, sanctified by the prayer of former students who have since become our missionary leaders and teachers; and who have so mingled the surrounding beauty with godliness that there can be no admiration without worship.

—ESTHER TURNER WELLMAN.

NOTES

The Matriculation Day Address of Professor Robert W. Rogers, Ph.D., Litt.D., was very well received and approved, and numerous requests have been received from friends for additional copies to mail to those who could not be present.

We have a number of copies left which we would be very glad to mail to those who request them.

Some interesting facts are revealed by the enrollment tables this year. Altogether forty-one different institutions are represented. Ireland, Korea and Japan are each given as the birthplace of two of our students, while Wales, British West Indies, British India, Newfoundland, Norway and China are each claimed by one as the place of his nativity. Four were born in England and the others are American born. This year ten women are enrolled for one or more courses and of these five are wives of students enrolled. Fifty-two of the men are married, of whom twenty-eight have their families in the parsonages on their charges. An unusually

large number of married students have rooms in Madison. Many of the students are preaching regularly, seventy-one of them having regular work as pastors.

Lynn H. Rupert, class of 1919, and his family are on the way to their new field in India. Their address is Asansol, Bengal. Brother Rupert, a graduate of Baker University and member of the Kansas Conference, will be followed by the prayers and affection of many friends in Kansas, in the Drew Circle, and in Whitestone, Long Island, where he was pastor while in the Seminary.

Those fortunate ones on their mailing list are enjoying the many interesting bits of news of the work, the experiences and the home life of Arthur L. Beckendorf, class of 1917, and his family, now at Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines. We welcome reports of the doings of the Junior Beckendorfs also and the Drew family will rejoice in the arrival of Richard Peter Beckendorf, born September 9th.

Greetings are just received from Frank M. Toothaker, class of 1918, who is on the way to his work in Yenping, China.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

Drew was well represented at the Eighth International Student Volunteer Convention held at Des Moines, Iowa, during the holidays. By a happy and unusual plan of support the Drew delegation this year was increased to twenty, including Professor J. Newton Davies from the Faculty and eighteen men and one young woman from the student body.

When the original budget of fourteen hundred dollars was proposed to defray the expenses of Drew's quota of fourteen delegates, the chosen delegates volunteered to "find" the funds. They were given a hearty welcome into the pulpits of a number of our North Jersey churches for addresses on the motives and plans of the Student Volunteer Movement. In generous response a fund of two thousand dollars was pledged by the congregations of the following churches whose interest in the student life of Drew cannot but draw them closer to all friends of the Seminary: East Orange, Calvary, Fred Clare Baldwin (1885), and Park Avenue, Henry J. Johnston (1895);

Morrow Memorial, Maplewood, Chas. L. Walworth (1893); Montclair, Warren F. Cook; Morristown, Thomas T. Crawford (1908); Newark Centenary, Ralph B. Urmy (1896); Roseville, Dorr F. Diefendorf (1899); Plainfield, First, Berryman H. McCoy (1904), Grace, Chas. D. Gillespie (1908), and Monroe Avenue, Jno. W. Flynn (1912); South Orange, Thomas M. Pender; Summit, Herbert C. Lytle (1905); Westfield, Chas. W. Wright (1911).

The delegation, carrying with them the prayers and confidence of the entire Seminary as well as of the co-operating churches, included the following: J. Newton Davies, Visiting Professor of Greek, William H. Alderson, Maude H. Brodhead, Earl Cranston, Justin P. Follette, Zenas W. Gunckel, David Guh, Raymond A. Hall, Leland B. Henry, Robert M. Henry, John K. Hubbard, Neal D. Kelley, Ushoon Kim, Raymond F. Lowry, Herbert K. Robinson, Asbjorn Smedstad, Herbert J. Smith, J. Turnbull Spicknall, Gustave Stark, Lester A. Welliver, and Arthur Workman.

They travelled to and from Des Moines in special trains with representatives of various colleges and in the five days at the Iowa capital, from December 31 to January 4, mingled with six thousand others from nearly a thousand institutions of higher learning in the United States, Canada and from forty foreign countries. John R. Mott, who presided at all sessions, had called in world leaders who presented an essentially evangelistic and missionary program, tending to induce many young people to accept Christian service as a life work. Drew's delegates, most of them ex-soldiers, had determined to represent and to present the manliness of this profession and utilized what opportunities offered for impressing on old friends or new acquaintances the claims of the ministry. Luncheons and dinners, main centers of social contact, were used to good effect, forty-three places being filled by young people at one Drew lunch. These meetings, interviews on the trains, and correspondence afterward have already given assurance that many will eventually take up the ministry at home or abroad and a good number may be expected to become students at Drew.

Drew's delegates will be busy during the coming weeks giving to the churches which sent them and to others, including student charges, messages suggested by the experiences of the

convention days. And there is reason to think that the evangelistic deputations thus begun can continue through future years to the advancement of Drew, of the neighboring churches, and of active Christianity.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR RURAL PASTORS

A Summer School for Rural Pastors in co-operation with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held here at Drew Theological Seminary, May 10-29, 1920. This date is earlier than last year and is made possible by the earlier closing of the Seminary year on account of General Conference. The time selected, however, is sure to prove satisfactory as May is one of the most beautiful months of the year in Drew Forest. The Rural School last summer was most successful, nearly two hundred being in attendance. Again this year as last much of the instruction will be given by members of the Drew Faculty. What it meant to those who were privileged to enjoy it may be judged from the following letter just received:

"I have never written to you since I left the Summer School for I wanted to see what time would do to the impressions received while there, but let me say now that they are just as fresh and inspiring at this writing as they were last June.

"Here I am in this little place of only 125 people, not very much inspiration, and quite often I have lacked the inspiration for my sermons on Sunday, and I have taken my notes of the 'Summer School' and reviewed them, and I have never yet failed to go out with new life, and have always found something new in the charge and in the people and in the Word, and have gone into the pulpit brimful. God bless you all for your efforts in the Summer School. I could not be induced to part with my experience at the Summer School."

Detailed information can be had upon application to the President of the Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

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